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It is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you the bearer of this letter, Mr. W. P. Whitsett, one of the outstanding pioneers and civic leaders of the Metropolitan Los Angeles area.

Mr. Whitsett is the father and founder of Van Nuys, "the capital city" of the San Fernando Valley, a community of more than 100,000 population, lying within the city limits of the City of Los Angeles. A man of keen foresight, he has been instrumental in the long range planning responsible for the development of this rapidly growing area.

Mr. Whitsett served as first chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a position he held for a period of 18 years. During that time the life-giving waters of the Colorado River and the Owens River Valley were brought to the teeming population of Southern California. Indeed, his vision in foreseeing the value of both water and power to this area of the State many years ago, has earned for him a unique niche in the "Hall of Fame" of important California leaders.

Mr. Whitsett is also the founder of the Bank of Van Nuys, later to become the Van Nuys Branch of the Security First National Bank. He is also the founder and President of the San Fernando Valley Federal Savings and Loan Company, with a capitalization of over $25,000,000.

So I present to you one of California's most distinguished citizens. Any courtesies or privileges extended to him will be very much appreciated by both Mr. Whitsett and myself.

Sincerely yours,

Norris Poulson

MAYOR